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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OKITA ET AL.

Examiner

Greg Cunningham

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 February 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications of application filed 12/20/2004.
2. The disposition of the claims is as follows: claim 27 is pending in the application.

Claims 1-26 were cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lewis, (US Patent Publication 20020065752 A1), and further in view of Strobe et al., (US Patent 5,129,057), hereinafter Strobe.

A. Lewis discloses claim 27, "A method of displaying information relating to a workflow driven by a computer system comprising: executing the workflow, the workflow implementing business rules [para. 0033, 0070, 0075, 0081 and claim 7]; calculating execution statistics relating to the execution of the workflow on the computer system [para. 0096, 0101, 0102]; displaying a workflow diagram on a display screen associated with the computer system [para. 0132 – 0135, 0138, 0143, 0147, 0151, 0154 and claim 7]; and overlaying the execution statistics on the workflow diagram [para. 0069], wherein the execution statistics are for various steps displayed in the workflow diagram [para. 0016, 0072, 0095, 0096, 0098 and claim 7], and

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wherein the execution statistics are selectively displayed by positioning a pointer over the display” as [detailed]. However Lewis does not appear to disclose “wherein the execution statistics are selectively displayed by positioning a pointer over the display”, but Strope does in [col. 5, lns. 1-14 and lns. 56-61; col. 7, lns. 43-45].

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply an integrated financial data reporting system provides for real time data entry, assessment, and report generation disclosed by Lewis in combination with selective displaying via mouse pointer positioning disclosed by Strope, and motivated to combine the teachings because it would allow a user to view the event directly as revealed in col. 5, lines 56-61.

Response to Arguments

5. In congruence with previous advisory action an updated search has revealed lack of novelty as indicated supra.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 27 has been considered but is moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Responses

6. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 872-9306 may be used for formal communications.

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

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Inquiries

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greg Cunningham whose telephone number is (703) 308-6109.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella, can be reached on (703) 308-6829.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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